

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

December 7, 2004

7:00 PM

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Sysyn.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll. There were fourteen Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Guinta (arrived late), Sysyn, Osborne, Porter, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault and Forest

Mayor Baines advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community, that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to two minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Mayor Baines requested that any residents wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Jane Beaulieu, 609 So. Main Street, Manchester, NH (Re: new Teen Art Center), stated: For your information, I passed out invitations to the 2nd Teen Art Auction that is taking place December 14th at 65 Cedar Street which is the old Yo Gallery and Art Builds Community location. It starts at six, well bidding starts at six to eight, doors open at five-thirty. All proceeds will go to the new Teen Arts enter. The teens have named their Art Center which we don't have a location for at this time Artists Avenue and the auction will feature food and refreshments and also the teens have produced a Christmas ornament that will be for sale at the auction as well as about 20 or 30 items that the teens have produced. Matt and Chantel and myself and many other teens as well as the Office of Youth Services and Plus Time New Hampshire has been working very hard at raising money to establish this Teen Art Center and hopefully by mid-January we will have a location for the new Teen Art Center.

Mayor Baines stated for the people listening at home this building used to be the original home...in the same building adjacent to it Van Otis Chocolates and Art Novelty used to be located.

Ms. Beaulieu stated, Mayor, I am inviting you and perhaps you can get there before your fund raiser along with the Governor perhaps if he is around at that time.

Mayor Baines stated thank you. Good luck with that too.

Jeff Kassel, 22 Appleton Street, Manchester, NH (Re: Concerned Taxpayers), stated:
I'm also Chairman of the Concerned Taxpayers of Manchester and I noticed today in the newspaper a story about the riverfront development and of course I've closely watched that development project and its many transformations, but this particular story had to do with the failure of the developer Mr. Chinburg to close the deal on the money that he is suppose to contribute for a residential condominium development and there's a deadline on approximately three quarters of a million dollars that had to be extended because he hasn't done it. Like most people in this city we're all concerned taxpayers and I've been very concerned about the way this project has moved forward and the possible liability to the city. My group meets on the third Monday of every month at the Rib Shack on the second floor and I would encourage any members of Manchester either residential apartment dwellers or a homeowner or property owner of any kind who would like to voice their concerns about escalating costs in the city, the use of public money to develop sports venues that cost ten, twenty, thirty, fifty million dollars. If you're concerned about this I wish you would come to our meetings and try to become somewhat of an activist and represent your financial interests. Thank you very much.

There being no one else present wishing to speak, on motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.

This being a special meeting of the Board, no further business was presented and on motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk